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FM USINT BAGHDAD
TO FAS/USDA WASHDC
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 3055
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MSG TO READ FROM USINT BAGHDAD VICE
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT)

DAMASCUS FOR AGATT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, EPAP, BTRA, IZ

SUBJ: ANIMAL FATS AND PROTEINS MARKET SURVEY

REF: (A) BAGHDAD 364 (NOTAL), (B) BAGHDAD 370 (NOTAL),
(C) STATE 076755 (NOTAL)

1. AS OF APRIL 12, THOMAS COOK BAGHDAD HAS HAD NO RPT NO WORD
FROM THOMAS COOK WASHINGTON ABOUT SURVEY TEAM'S REQUEST FOR HOTEL
RESERVATIONS. NOR HAS USINT RECEIVED FISCAL DATA REQUESTED REF A
PARA THREE TO PERMIT US MAKE REQUIRED DEPOSITS. ADVISE.

2. ASSUME TEAM'S PLANNED OVERLAND ARRIVAL IN BASRA IS FROM IRAN
NOT RPT NOT KUWAIT. ADVISE. UNDERSTAND IRAN-TO-IRAQ CROSSING IS
FEASIBLE. PARTY SHOULD MAKE SURE VISAS FOR IRAQ HAVE NOT RPT NOT
EXPIRED AND ARE NOT RPT NOT LIMITED TO TRAVEL BY AIR. ASSUME
TEAM HAS MADE INDEPENDENT HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR BASRA.

3. MRS. AZAWI REMAINS IN TOUCH WITH USINT AND WE STRONGLY RPT
STRONGLY REITERATE OUR EARLIER RECOMMENDATIONS THAT TEAM WORK
WITH HER. SHE IS NOW LINING UP EXCELLENT POTENTIAL CONTACTS
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IN BAGHDAD AND IS CHECKING WITH STATE ORGANIZATION FOR AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT (SOAD) TO ATTEMPT SECURE APPROVAL OF PROGRAM PROPOSED
BY NATIONAL RENDERERS ASSOCIATION IN RECENT CABLE TO SOAD PRESIDENT
DR. HUSSAIN AL-ANI (STATE 078654 NOTAL).

4. GROUP SHOULD UNDER NO RPT NO CIRCUMSTANCES VISIT BASRA PORT AREA WITHOUT FORMAL PERMISSION FROM GOI, WHICH HAS SOWN EXTREME RELUCTANCE GRANT SUCH PERMISSION TO OTHER AMERICAN GROUPS. TEAM WILL RECALL (REF A, PARA FOUR) USINT'S ADVICE THAT TRAVEL TO BASRA WAS UNNECESSARY AND SHOULD BE CLEARED BY SOAD.

5. DOES GROUP WISH BRS. AZAWI TO MEET IN BASRA? SHE WILLING TO DO SO. SINCE BASRA VISIT IS, IN OUR JUDGMENT, UNNECESSARY TO ACHIEVE PURPOSE OF TEAM'S IRAQ VISIT, USINT HAS NO RPT NO BASIS FOR RECOMMENDING SHE JOIN TEAM IN BASRA, BUT WE BELIEVE THIS IS MATTER TEAM CAN DECIDE FOR ITSELF. ADVISE.

6. FOR FAS/USDA: TEAM'S ITINERARY APPEARS TO BE CHANGING WITH SOME FREQUENCY. PLEASE REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO TEAM WHEREVER YOU KNOW IT TO BE.
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